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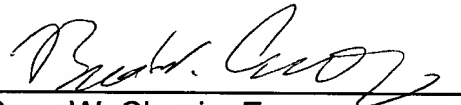
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- [x] Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- [x] Part B – Issue Fee Transmittal (1 page, in duplicate), Total Pages: 2;
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**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

Sir:

Forwarded herewith are seven (7) sheets (Figs: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) of corrected drawings to be substituted for the drawings currently present in the above-identified patent application.

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Applicant believes that there is no fee required. Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If these formal drawings are found to be deficient in any way, the Official Draftsperson is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that Applicant can accomplish any further changes that the Official Draftsperson might require.

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